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INTERIOR DEPARTMENT BOOKLET DISCUSSES EFFECTS
OF PESTICIDES ON FISH AND WILDLIFE

The Department of the Interior's Fish and Wildlife Service today announced publication of a booklet intended to answer many questions concerning the effects of pesticides on fish, birds, and other forms of wildlife.

The booklet, "Fish, Wildlife and Pesticides," is available at 10 cents a copy from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. 20402.

Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall said the booklet discusses many of the most commonly known pesticides and the purposes for which they are used.

He said the publication reports on research by Fish and Wildlife Service scientists to assess various pesticides and to develop substitutes for those found to be most dangerous to fish and wildlife.

Secretary Udall pointed out that Federal Agencies now use less than 5 percent of all pesticides applied in this country, and that the booklet outlines steps that can be taken by all users to lessen the pesticide problem.

The booklet also discloses that pesticides can be found virtually everywhere in the world, sometimes thousands of miles from where they were applied. It explains how groups of living organisms rate on a scale of sensitivity to pesticides and how pesticides kill or injure these organisms. It also tells how pesticides are particularly significant to the fishing industry since some of the most valuable species of fish and shellfish are among the most sensitive to pesticides.

On orders of 100 or more copies to one address, the Superintendent of Documents allows a 25 percent discount.